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SUBJ: US FIRMS PROPOSE $1 BILLION ABU DHABI GAS PROJECT

REF: ABU DHABI 1038 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: IN RESPONSE YOUR REQUEST, KP CONFIRMS THAT PROPOSAL FOR METHANOL PROJECT TOTALING $1.1 BILLION ALREADY MADE. AD GOVERNMENT TO RECEIVE FEASIBILITY STUDY THIS WEEK. KP PROMISES FULL BRIEFING SOON. PROJECT APPEARS TO BE IN PRELIMINARY STAGES. END SUMMARY.

1. KIDDER PEABODY (KP) BEIRUT VICE PRESIDENTS ROGER TAMRAZ AND MATTHEW STEKEL YESTERDAY BRIEFED US ON STATUS SUBJECT; SAID JUNIOR KP COURIER DELIVERING PROPOSAL DOCUMENTATION TO AD GOVERNMENT THIS WEEK AND ASSURED US THAT KP (PROBABLY STEKEL) WILL BRIEF YOU FULLY ON NEXT SUBSTANTIVE TRIP, PROBABLY IN WEEK OR TWO. FOLLOW-ING IS FROM KP OFFICIALS. SHOULD BE CLOSELY HELD.

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2. PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL MADE TO AD GOVERNMENT SOME

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TIME AGO BY APPARENTLY LOOSE "WORKING PARTNERSHIP" OF KP, TRANS-CONTINENTAL PIPELINE COMPANY (TRANSCO), FOURTH LARGEST US PIPELINE COMPANY, AND ARTHUR D. LITTLE, COLLECTIVELY KNOWN AS "ENERGY GROUP". KP THINKS SEVERAL SUCH PROPOSALS IN AIR BUT MUST AWAIT DETERMINATION AD NATURAL GAS RESERVES. THIS PROPOSAL UNUSUAL IN THAT IT WOULD EMPLOY PROCESS OF CONVERSION OF METHANE TO METHANOL FOR TRANSPORT IN ORDINARY TANKERS (RATHER THAN EXPENSIVE CRYOGENIC CARRIERS) TO US, WHERE METHANOL WOULD BE RE-CONVERTED TO METHANE FOR EAST COAST MARKET. THIS METHOD BELIEVED MOST PRACTICAL FOR LONG HAUSL.

3. COURIER THIS WEEK DELIVERING ARABIC TRANSLATION OF FEASIBILITY STUDY BY ARTHUR D. LITTLE, WHICH HANDLING TECHNICAL ASPECTS FOR GROUP, AND OTHER UNNAMED PROJECT DOCUMENTS.

4. AS OUTLINED BY TAMRAZ, PROJECT TOTALS ABOUT $1.1 BILLION:

-$500 MILLION IN AD FOR PLANT TO PRODUCE 500 MILLION CUBIC FEET DAILY
-$400 MILLION FOR 14 TANKERS OF 117,000 DWT
-$200 MILLION FOR US RECONVERSION PLANT.

5. KP HAS MADE SIMILAR PROJECT PROPOSAL TO SAUDI ARABIA, WHERE EMBASSY FULLY BRIEFED.

COMMENT: WE RECEIVED IMPRESSION PROJECT IN VERY PRE-LIMINARY STAGE, WITH REALIZATION OBVIOUSLY YEARS AWAY. BUFFUM

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